

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : Michael K. SINGMAN-      CONFIRMATION NO.: 8084  
                  ASTE et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER : 10/682,214      EXAMINER: Hassan Mahmoudi  
FILING DATE : October 9, 2003      ART UNIT: 2165  
FOR : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY DETERMINING MODAL VALUE OF  
      NON-NUMERIC DATA

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed **December 8, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 033975 (Ref. No. 019287-0318800).